

# February

Magic Lantern Society  
of the United States and Canada



LOOK for those Buttons and roll-over effects

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## The Magic Lantern Calendar – February 2023

### Events

Feb. 11, 2013, *Pepper's Ghost Magic Lantern Show*, Lewes Saturday Folk Club, Elephant & Castle, White Hill, Lewes, United Kingdom.

Feb. 12, 2023, *Phantasmagoria Magic Lantern Show* by Brett King, at Steampunk Atlanta, Marriott Atlanta Northeast-Emory, 2000 Century Blvd NE, Atlanta, GA.

Feb. 20, 2023, *Magic Lantern Show and Special Presentation*, The County Museums, Macaulay Heritage Park (Church), 23 Church Street, Picton, ON, Canada.

Mar. 2, 2023, *Fred T Jane Magic Lantern Show*, an illustrated talk by Richard Brooks about Fred T Jane, inventor of "All the World's Fighting Ships," Emsworth Community Centre, North Street, Emsworth, PO10 7DD, UK.

Mar. 9, 2023, *Magic Lantern Show*, Scarborough Art Gallery, The Crescent, Scarborough Y11 2PW UK.

September 26-30, 2023, Iowa City, Iowa, *32nd International Panorama Council Conference*, Panoramas, Immersive Media, and Last Worlds, Hosted by the University of Iowa Museum of Natural History, [https://panoramacouncil.org/en/what\\_we\\_do/international\\_panorama\\_conferences/upcoming\\_conference/](https://panoramacouncil.org/en/what_we_do/international_panorama_conferences/upcoming_conference/)

### Exhibits

Through Dec. 2026, *The Story of the Moving Image*, includes shadow puppets, Victorian-era magic lanterns, original cameras and more, Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Fed Square, Melbourne, Australia <https://www.acmi.net.au/whats-on/story-of-the-moving-image-exhibition/>.

Ongoing, *The Path to Cinema: Highlights from the Richard Balzer Collection*, Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, Los Angeles CA USA. 9,000 magic lantern objects collected by former MLS president Richard Balzer. <https://www.academymuseum.org/en/exhibitions/path-to-cinema>

Ongoing, *From Shadows to Film...and all the magic in between!* Kent Museum of the Moving Image, Stanhope Road, Deal, Kent CT14 6AD UK <https://www.kentmomi.org/>

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## The Magic Lantern Calendar – February 2023 continued

### Online

*Magic Lantern Performing Group*, Improve your skills every other Thursday on Zoom. Contact Terry Borton: [tborton@magiclanternshows.com](mailto:tborton@magiclanternshows.com)

*De Luikerwaal Dutch Virtual Museum*, <https://www.luikerwaal.com/> *Magic lantern history, pictures, stories.*

*Lucerna – the Magic Lantern Web Resource*, online database collaboration covering all aspects of magic lanterns. <http://lucerna.exeter.ac.uk/>

*The Museum of American Magic Lantern Shows*, 5-minute intro, 10-minute Highlights Tour, 30-minute In-Depth Tour and Kids' Page. [www.magiclanternmuseum.com](http://www.magiclanternmuseum.com)

*Life Through the Lens*, online exhibit by the Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery, <https://artsandculture.google.com/story/life-through-the-lens/eAJSnVyn4BS2Jw>

*In focus: the development of photography, film, and television*, online exhibit from the Deutsches Museum from the magic lantern to cell-phone photos. <https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/in-focus-the-development-of-photography-film-and-television/LQKiqVxr8yRwJA>

*Photo-Drama of Creation Museum*, 3D Virtual Museum & Theater, live performances for groups through an innovative videoconferencing system, <https://pdocmuseum.org>

To add your magic lantern show, exhibition, or other event to our calendar, or to list your show for potential bookings, drop a line to [briandrogers@gmail.com](mailto:briandrogers@gmail.com).

## 2022 Treasurer's Report

### Magic Lantern Society of the United States and Canada Annual Financial Report January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

#### CLOSING BALANCE PRIOR ANNUAL REPORT

Operating Balance January 1, 2022	\$ 30,893.98	
Research Award Fund balance held in Checking	\$ 106.40	
Total Cash Balance January 1, 2022		\$ 31,000.38

#### 2022 CONVENTION - EXPENSES AND INCOME

Supplies/Mailings/Printing/Registration Packets	\$ (632.35)	
Food Expenses	\$ (1,535.05)	
Convention Hotel Expenses	\$ (5,828.18)	
Extravaganza Show Ticket Expenses	\$ (170.00)	
Sales Tables	\$ 200.00	
Registrations and Day Passes	\$ 7,840.22	
Guest Meals	\$ 206.41	
Extravaganza Show Ticket Income	\$ 168.13	
Subtotal Convention		\$ 249.18

#### INCOME

2021 Membership Dues Paid in 2022 - Note 1	\$ -	
2022 Membership Dues Paid in 2022 - Note 1	\$ 3,914.78	
2023 Membership Dues Paid in 2022 - Note 1	\$ 966.08	
2024 Membership Dues Paid in 2022 - Note 1	\$ 40.00	
Gazette Sales - Hard Copy	\$ -	
Group NW Book net Sales in 2022 post 2018 Convention	\$ -	
Electronic Files Sales-Gazette and Index CD/DVD	\$ -	
Donations - Note 2	\$ 593.02	
Interest	\$ -	
Subtotal Income		\$ 5,513.88

#### OPERATING EXPENSES

Administration - Note 3		
Legal Counsel fees to establish non-profit incorporation and 501(c)(3)	\$ (2,650.00)	
Postage	\$ (50.97)	
Supplies	\$ (320.45)	
Subtotal Administration		\$ (3,021.42)
Gazette - 3 Issues - Note 4		
Postage	\$ (1,625.77)	
Printing	\$ (2,894.37)	
Subtotal Gazette		\$ (4,520.14)
Membership - Note 5		
Awards/Memorials	\$ (173.90)	
Subtotal Membership		\$ (173.90)
Publicity		
MLS Flyer Printing	\$ -	
MLS Flyer Postage	\$ -	
Subtotal Publicity		\$ -
Website		
IpowerPro Hosting fee	\$ (215.28)	
Network Solutions security	\$ (104.64)	
Network Solutions name registration	\$ (57.80)	
Network Solutions domain registration	\$ (17.46)	
Subtotal Website		\$ (395.18)
Subtotal Operating Expenses		\$ (8,110.64)

As reported at the membership meeting during the Cleveland Convention, in 2022 Society expenses were exceeding income, as anticipated and a continuation of the trend that started in 2021. Fortunately, our Society has substantial reserves to absorb these two years of relatively modest negative cash flow.

The Board again thanks our members for agreeing to a dues increase which we expect to minimize the deficit in 2023. We will continue to keep members informed of changes to the Society's financial position. For now, the Board believes our Society remains well funded for the foreseeable future and will continue to carefully monitor our income and expenses.

We thank those members who included an extra donation with their dues, it is most appreciated; over \$ 300 was donated in 2022. We also thank members and non-members that donated items to the Convention. Slides and books were offered to attendees for a donation to the Society, generating \$ 275 to date.

Respectfully, Ron Easterday, Treasurer

Total Balance December 31, 2022 - All Accounts	\$ 28,652.80
Research Award Fund balance held in Checking Account	\$ 106.40
Net Operating Balance December 31, 2022	\$ 28,546.40

#### NOTES

General: All funds held in traditional checking accounts at Bank of America.

1. Dues Income listed above is Net Income and does not include PayPal service charges.
2. Donations: Cash donations paid with dues plus donations from convention donated slide/book sales
3. Printing, envelopes & postage to mail hard copies of ePub to members w/o email accounts and general postage.
4. Three Issues: Vol 33, No. 3; Vol 34, No. 1 & 2 Gazette supplies (envelopes/labels) included in printing costs.
5. Three convention awards + honorary life award: Printing, frames, shipping

Respectfully submitted, Ron Easterday, Treasurer, January 20, 2023

## Question About Magic Lantern Slides

### From Pauline

Giggurlphoenix@yahoo.com

Hello,

I have these glass slides of Japanese life.

Unlike magic lantern slides I have seen that look like real pictures. Mine look like paintings that were turned into glass slides. It is a gelatin type substance ...I just don't know what these are, and was hoping someone could help me?

Thank you for your time either way.

Best regards,

Pauline



**Looking for  
information  
about  
these transparencies**

Hello Pauline

They do not look like slides I agree. Lantern slides are generally 3 1/4" x 4" or 3 1/4" square to fit into standard lanterns. Thank you for the pictures. They do look like artist's renditions but I'm not sure what they were used for. I suggest we add them to our next e-publication (February) and hope that a member will be able to help.

Thank you for contacting us.

David Evans



## Inquiry

From Member

From Terry Borton

Does anyone know this magic lantern showman? I'd like to use his picture in my forthcoming book, *Magic Lantern Art*, and it would certainly be nice to be able to identify him.

He's standing in front of his broadsides proclaiming "Magic Lantern," written in a large gothic typeface. Unfortunately, I can't read anything else. This image is a tintype, so in the original the type is all reversed. I've flipped it here so that you can read it more easily. The fact that the image is a tintype probably dates it to the 1860s or '70s, so this would be an early show.

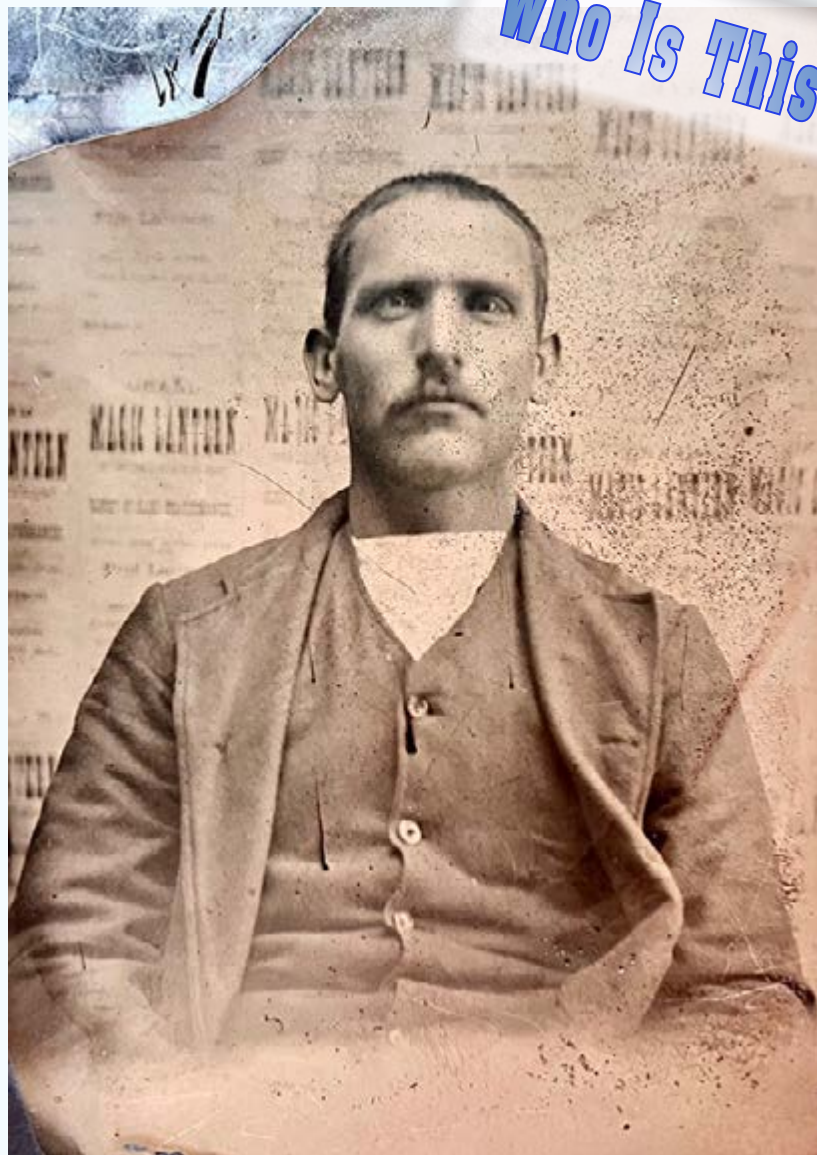
Thanks for any help you can give!

Terry Borton  
tborton@magiclanternshows.com

INFORMATION

Request

Please share any information  
you might have!



Who Is This?

## Two New Books

**Discount Deadline End  
of Week One February**

### From Ron Easterday

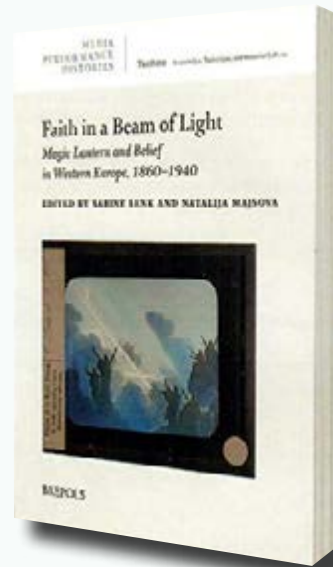
Hi Lar, 2 new books, both with early purchase discounts. The British Society book is extending it's discount through the first week in Feb as noted.

Ron

291 pages, 178 x 254 mm  
Illustrations: 34 b/w, 37 col., stables b/w.  
ISBN 978+503-59908-3  
Series: Techne-Media Performance  
Histories. vol. 7

This book presents an overview of the uses and effects of the magic lantern in the context of religion, faith, and belief in Western societies between 1880 and 1940.

An early visual mass medium. the magic lantern was omnipresent in most Western societies between 1880 and 1930. The Christian Church. especially the Catholics. spiritual associations such as the Freemasons, political interest groups, and teaching institutions all made use of lectures enriched by projected images to disseminate information, convictions. and doctrines.



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### The Magic Lantern Dancer

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☐ I will collect and pay in person at the Magic Lantern Society AGM on 21 January 2023

Books will be despatched by post as soon as possible after they arrive from the printers.



## Curtis Legacy Foundation Night at the Harbor History Museum Winquist Exhibit

### From Ron Easterday

Bob Winquist's large format prints of his Edward Curtis magic lantern slides

(see Tinted Light, The Lantern Slides of Edward Curtis, January ePub) were featured during a special evening with members of the Curtis Legacy Foundation, including two of three Board members who are direct descendants of Edward Curtis: President John Graybill and Secretary Janet Parcher. In addition to the large format prints, Bob Winquist's exhibit included a lantern, slides, and, for this featured event, one of Curtis' original cameras from Bob's collection, a Century 6-1/2 x 8-1/2.

John Graybill, his wife and board member Coleen Graybill, Bob Winquist



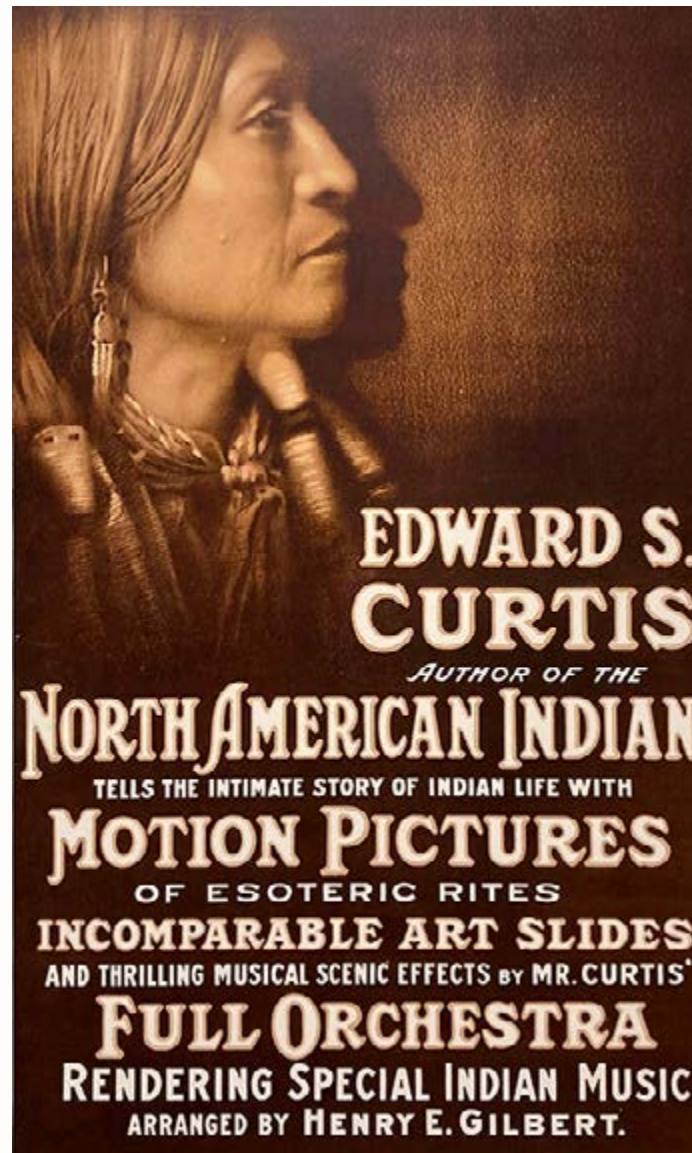
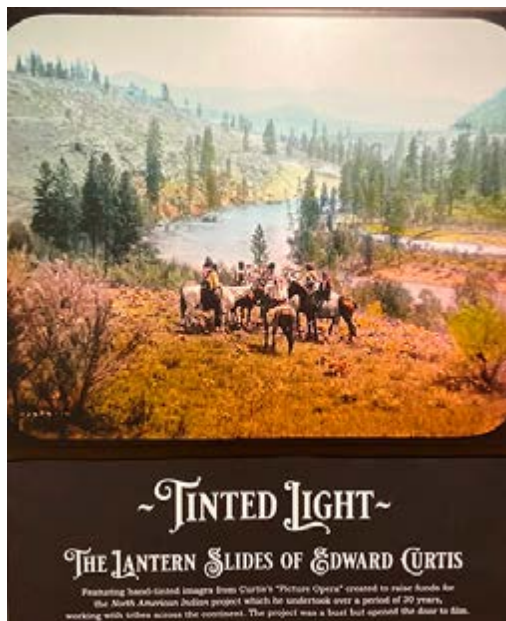
and his wife Judith Winquist spoke to an appreciative crowd of 60+ history museum members, discussing the history of Edward Curtis, his photography, magic lantern slides, Mission of the Foundation and several of its projects.

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## Harbor History Museum Winquist Exhibit continued

The Foundation published a book of Curtis' previously unpublished Alaska photos and are planning another volume of unpublished Plains photos. The panel also discussed the Descendants Project which is recording personal stories and photographing Descendants of the indigenous people that Curtis photographed. The Foundation hopes to complete collecting the personal histories and photographs by the end of 2023.



<https://harborhistorymuseum.org/programs-exhibits#/rotating-exhibit>

**- Exhibit Open Until March, 2023**

Visit [www.curtislegacyfoundation.org](http://www.curtislegacyfoundation.org) for more information and full description of the Foundation's Mission, Vision, Values, research information regarding Edward Curtis and his work, and Foundation projects.

Those of you who attended the 2018 Convention in Victoria will recall being treated to Bob projecting a number of his Curtis lantern slides as part of his presentation Edward S. Curtis, The Picture Opera. Bob's large format print exhibit, one of several he and Judith have hosted over the years, helps inform wider audiences of Curtis' work and the beautifully tinted magic lantern slides.





## Religious Biblical Slides

**From Sam Grosdemange**  
samgrosdemange@gmail.com

In order to improve our magic lantern shows, we are looking for religious biblical slides in any format (wood mounted or economical but preference for coloured slides):

Religious, biblical slides from USA (Briggs, McAllister, Stebbins, etc): the Photo-Drama of Creation, Dore's Bible, the Bible Story in Pictures, Acts of the Apostles, Dante's Inferno, the Good Samaritan, Wm. Hole Jesus of Nazareth, Life of John Wesley, Life of Luther, New Testament Bible, Old Testament Bible, Parables of Christ, Story of Noah, Daniel, Esther, Job, Joseph, Ruth, Samson, the Blind Man, the Talents, the Ten Commandments, etc.

I am also interested in French biblical slides (Maison de la Bonne Presse, Mazo, etc). Feel free to contact me with proposals.

Many thanks for your help.  
Samuel Grosdemange  
samgrosdemange@gmail.com



Religious, biblical slides from UK (Newton & Co, etc) : Old Testament, the Life of Daniel, Jesus, Paul, Holy City, etc...



I am currently trying to improve and enlarge my collection of magic lantern slides to improve our next shows. I am looking mainly for biblical and religious slides (American, English and French slides).

Would you have any of these slides for sale, please contact me ;-).

Thanks ever so much for your help.

Sam Grosdemange  
samgrosdemange@gmail.com

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## Religious Biblical Slides continued

Examples of American religious series :

- |                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. The Photo-Drama of Creation     | 19. Life of Our Savior,           |
| 2. Acts of the Apostles,           | 20. Life of St. Paul,             |
| 3. The Beatitudes,                 | 21. Marriage of the King's Son,   |
| 4. Old Testament,                  | 22. The Palms,                    |
| 5. New Testament,                  | 23. The Parables of Christ,       |
| 6. Dante's Inferno,                | 24. Paradise Lost,                |
| 7. Doré's Bible,                   | 25. Paradise Regained,            |
| 8. Doré's Crusades,                | 26. Story of Daniel,              |
| 9. Life of Christ,                 | 27. Story of Job,                 |
| 10. The Bible Story in Pictures,   | 28. Story of Joseph,              |
| 11. Bible History,                 | 29. Story of Ruth,                |
| 12. Great Supper (the),            | 30. Story of Samson,              |
| 13. Jesus of Nazareth by Wm. Hole, | 31. The Talents,                  |
| 14. The Laborers in the Vineyard,  | 32. The Ten Commandments,         |
| 15. Life of Noah,                  | 33. Very First Christmas,         |
| 16. Life of Jesus by Hoffmann,     | 34. Wise and Foolish Virgins,     |
| 17. Life of John Wesley,           | 35. Drunkard's Reform,            |
| 18. Life of Luther,                | 36. Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight |

I am also looking for several comic series or historical/scientific series. Examples of American series :

1. Darius Green and his Flying Machine,
2. Mr Spurt and his Auto,
3. Mr Timorous and his Bull-dog,
4. Mrs Casey and the Billy Goat,
5. Paddy and his Pig,
6. Pied Piper of Hamelin,
7. Uncle Rastus and his Mule,
8. Astronomy,
9. Earth's Neighbors,
10. Birth and Growth of the Earth,
11. English, French, European History,
12. Ideal Geological Landscapes and Extinct Animal



## Houdini Tickets/Newsletter

**From Jesse  
Leeds-Grant**  
jesseleedsgrant@  
gmail.com  
To:

Hi,

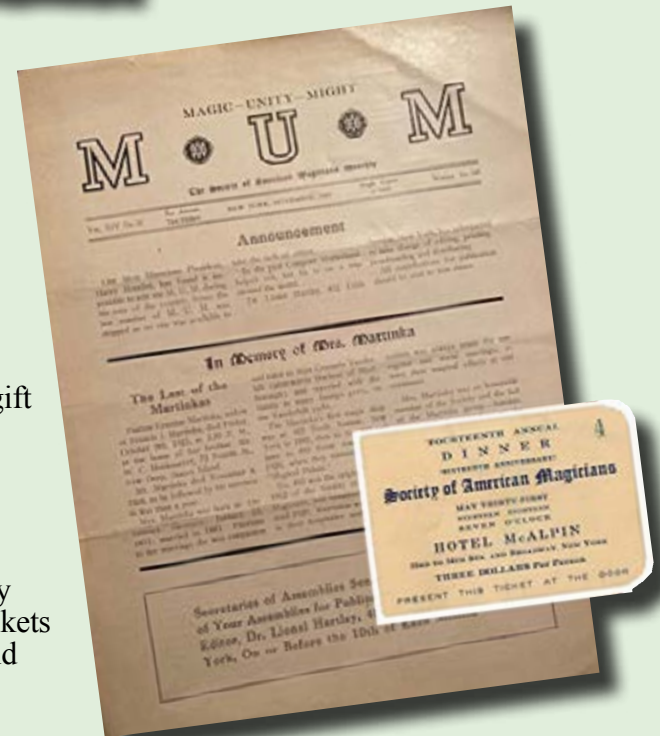
My name is Jesse,  
Happy New Year.  
I'm looking for a gift  
for my dad's 80th  
birthday, he loves  
Houdini.

Do you or anyone  
you know have any  
Houdini related tickets  
or ephemera I could  
buy?

Looking for any  
Houdini or S.A.M.  
show/events tickets or  
copies of M-U-M from  
1920s.

Thanks so much.

Jesse



**From David Evans**

Hi Jesse

It is quite possible that one of our members might have such items. I suggest we add your request to our next monthly e-publication in the hope that someone may have something suitable. Would you want Houdini related lantern slides? I am sure some exist.

Thank you for contacting us.

David Evans





## Metal Lodge Lantern by M C Lilley

### From David Evans

DWinwoodEvans@aol.com

Metal lodge lantern by M C Lilley of Columbus OH. Good original condition, lenses good. Comes with 4-wick oil lamp which may not be original to the lantern, but period. To use the lamp it would need a piece of heatproof glass or mica in its front and probably new wicks. Note the 'scales' on the lantern legs, a reference to the secret societies' association with reptiles. Price \$450. Buyer pays shipping at cost. Contact David Evans on dwinwoodevans@aol.com.

Thanks Larry!

David



## Glass slides by L.C. McClure, Frank J. Haynes, Benjamin A. Gifford

**From Stephanie Hammond**  
stephiestuff8@gmail.com

I'm looking for someone who may know more of the slides that my family has come across. It's a quite large collection of L.C. McClure, Frank Haynes and Benjamin Gifford. Almost all of them have been published in photos, postcards, pamphlets etc. They are quite beautiful. I'm hoping to find their worth and am looking for any

connections to the right collectors that may be interested in maybe purchasing some of them. I'm including a few for you to see. I photographed the images the best I could. Please let me know what you think, or any directions on what to do. There are probably over 50 in total in the collection. From

Yellowstone, to the railway, irrigation, mining, mt McClellan and much more. Many are signed. Thankyou so much for your time



eBay to get an idea of values, but be sure to check their completed sales rather than just looking at inflated asking prices that don't sell!

We will add your item to our next e-publication, as we have members interested in that kind of material. As you no doubt, know, F Jay Haynes is well documented in several books.

Let us hope for a good outcome, you have some nice items there.

David Evans



**From David Evans**  
Hello Stephanie

Thank you for contacting us.  
You have probably checked out





## A Big Thank You to the following:

contributing to this months issue.

Terry Borton      Pauline  
Ron Easterday      Brian Rogers  
David Evans  
Jesse Leeds-Grant  
Sam Grosdemange

### Now it's your turn to share!

Do you have a favorite site or a  
collection of images you would like to  
share with the rest of the society?

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## Welcome New Members

### Kevin Segall

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Kevin is a Collectibles dealer and  
preservationist whose interests include  
slides, lanterns, literature, kinetic devices,  
and vintage cinema.

Website: [www.kevinsegall.com](http://www.kevinsegall.com)

### Linda Keenan

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Linda is a professional researcher and  
volunteer DC Silents enews editor whose  
interests include slides, lanterns, literature,  
kinetic devices, and vintage cinema

### Felix and Elli Cikanek

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Felix is a retired teacher whose  
interests include lanterns, slides, MLS  
publications and antique books, 35mm  
toy projectors, and 16 mm projectors.  
Elli and Felix give lanterns shows on  
Facebook at One Candle Theater by Elli  
and Felix, for the British ML Society,  
and YouTube such as "Rotten Tooth"  
found at [https://www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=ntg0bQ4xgqM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntg0bQ4xgqM).

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**Magic Lanterns with the Alco-Radiant Light**

The Alco-Radiant is the only practical, brilliant light for lantern use where electricity is  
not available. It burns alcohol, costs little to use and but a trifle to buy; weighs 3 lbs; adapt-  
able to any lantern. We also make electric and calcium lanterns, cinematographs and  
Reflectoscopes for showing post cards, engravings and cuts. We rent specially arranged  
Lantern Slide Entertainments and carry over 40,000 Lantern Slides for sale or rent. Send  
for lists stating your requirements.

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